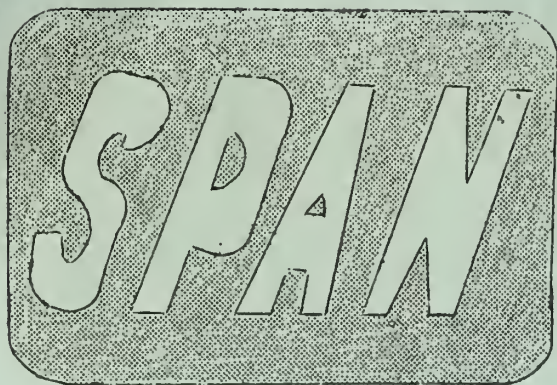


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BIRTHDAYS DEC. 17 THRU DEC. 23.

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TEN YEARS GOV'T. SERVICE OR MORE

Emma A. Schoenewey - 10 yrs. 5 mos. (2 yrs., 9 mos. in REA)

SEASONS GREETINGS received from:

Lt. Wm. Melchiorson, USNR  
S/S Frank W. McEntee, USA

REA, Boatmen's Bank Bldg., City  
Dear Mr. Smith:

My husband will not be in to work today, but don't call it absenteeism as it wasn't his fault entirely. Yesterday we had a little party and all he had to drink was three cock-tails, four glasses of beer, two bourbons and five scotches. Then I went out of the room to prepare the refreshments and some damn fool gave him a glass of tea--and it was that last glass of tea that got him. So all that's keeping him away from work is an upset stomach and he'll be in tomorrow or the day after.

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

WANTED: Electric Phonograph. See Mr.-Kiff, Room 1110.

WANTED: B-B Gun for B.B.Jr., son of Big B. B. - Call 363.

BOWLING STANDINGS AS OF DECEMBER 16, 1944

| Team            | Won | Lost | Percent | Average | High Game | High Set |
|-----------------|-----|------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|
| Radars          | 22  | 8    | .733    | 659     | 796       | 2324     |
| Solicitors      | 19  | 11   | .633    | 736     | 838       | 2390     |
| Administrators  | 19  | 11   | .633    | 714     | 809       | 2330     |
| Raters          | 19  | 11   | .633    | 692     | 856       | 2365     |
| Operators       | 16  | 14   | .533    | 671     | 772       | 2215     |
| Ruralettes      | 15  | 15   | .500    | 639     | 753       | 2034     |
| Managettes      | 15  | 15   | .500    | 620     | 699       | 2050     |
| Kilo-Ettes      | 15  | 15   | .500    | 617     | 776       | 2276     |
| Five Dueces     | 13  | 17   | .433    | 645     | 856       | 2245     |
| Five Aces       | 12  | 18   | .400    | 684     | 808       | 2225     |
| Sweater Girls   | 8   | 22   | .266    | 624     | 796       | 2237     |
| Terry's Pirates | 8   | 22   | .266    | 595     | 770       | 2118     |



The SPAN is pleased to announce that the combined organizations of REA, the REAAA, NETE, UFWA, War Activities Committee, and the REA War Veterans Association are sponsoring a drive for the collection of gifts to be distributed to service men and women through the USO. Large boxes are being placed in the lobby on each floor to collect your gifts. The USO suggests the following needy items to be presented, all of which are small and inexpensive: razor blades, shaving cream, lotion, playing cards, small stationery portfolio, soap, tooth paste, handkerchiefs, socks, shoe polish, flannel wiping cloths, and last but not least - cigarettes. Further announcements will follow, however, in the meantime please be getting your gifts purchased and wrapped as our time is limited.

THE LITTLE WOMAN

Dear Klifton:

I know REA has lawyers and you are an old friend. I would like help. My husband, Dan, wants to be a sailor again and hang around the USO with the piano in his new uniform showing off. He is getting me monopolis listening to his talk and says I will get some allot money and keep my mouth shut you old battlewagon. I don't like his latitude and got no gredients against the Navy, but I don't think he can be a sailor again because he has syracuse veins and both legs are shorter than the other. Thats my sediments anyhow. When I was sick in bed last month with all the heat and humility he kept singing "Ankles Away" and throwing salt-water all over the house. My daughter Annie has a bosums whistle he brought her home and I am crazy from the want of fear because she keeps blowing the thing all day and says she wants to be a SQUAW or something when she growe up. Do I have to let him be a sailor again? He acts a little bomby and gave me a womans form to fill out with 2 wetnesses. Give me some dope. I am a fiscal wreck. Hope you are the same.

# DIDJAKNOWTHAT

The holiday season has been officially ushered in with the thermom taking a nose dive and every one seems to be B-R-Ring, the fans in the elevators have doffed their everyday winter raiment and now appear in those gay and natty red numbers, while the hallways resemble Santa Claus Lane and are simply breath-taking in their gaudy attire though the little banner which hangs high over the heaven-bound chariots of Messieurs Mack Ryan and Horn looks much like a relic of what might have been a little-get-together of the B.P.O.E. or one of those gay conventions (though often more or less unconventional) staged by the Shriners or the American Legion. Bigger and better plans are going forward for more Christmas parties and from the latest reports this time it is going to be the D&G which will outshine the shiners. Of course, it may be that Chief Thaxton will be amongst those missing on account of he thinks he will have to give up any and all extra-curricular activities which might take other than strictly business hours. He's been appointed special custodian of one grandson who is slowly but surely increasing the number of gray hairs in those waves which are the envy of all the femmes who have to spend hours on end at the beauticians in an effort to achieve an approximation of those undulations. If you will but listen you can hear about all the hours which he spends in the care of this one-and-only but don't let it fool you for he can even strut sitting down when extolling the accomplishments and ingenuity of the two year old. And also 'tisn't Uncle Joe any more - it's Grampa Marion, and that funny old boid of the Ciconidae family (stork to you) has been so busy he thinks he will just have to postpone any more blessed events until he catches his breath from those mad dashes he's been making to those A&Lers. In the blink of an eye he had to fill an order at the Jimmie Cobbs with a bundle of feminine enchantment which makes a pair and an ace; one at the Gene Taylors with another junior - that makes four of a kind and while no reports have been received in Gene's crooning, he's running Bing Crosby a close second, and then with a last gasp Mr. Stork proceeded on his way to the Richters with another lusty junior. Charles DeLancy, another of the promotional boys, became so worried that he had a fine future in back of him, he decided that no longer would he watch the antics of those lads with fewer inhibitions and is now cramming each night on his Correspondence School course - "How To Be A Wolf In Ten Lessons". The dead line for his exam is Dec. 20th when the A&L party comes off and 'tis suggested that a good strong body guard be appointed to protect those shy young maidens of that Division, J. Farmer who has been so proudly boastful that only the Radars, one of the three Engineers bowling teams, survived as they were the only ones allowed out nights, found himself on the spot last Thursday and had to call for help. But to no avail for after literally dragging F. Linder who is suffering from a bad case of neurasthenia, and E. Leary, who has a frightful case of fallen arches, from their separate and distinct cots, the gay Managettes took the boys on an unsuspected ride for two games. But to the John B. Hegg's

L. Beatty's assistant in the field, comes the best Christmas present known to man. It had no red ribbons or gay paper but 'twas just a yellow missive from the War Department to say that John's son who had been previously reported missing is now on his way home. HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE: The Borgia gals swearing vengeance on that Pinkerton female; Kay Goodwin and Lee Shadwell doing a very fine contortionist act in trying to avoid the avalanche from Ann Klinkhardt's luncheon tray; G. Lewis back from his sojourn in the wilds of Oregon; B.B. Winsett back from a rest cure and just in time to keep his family intact for while he was flitting, Jo managed to lose her own youngsters, those of her neighbor's, her pocketbook and that hard-to-get liquid which turns over the engine and we mean gas; Mario Franceschini, one of our Latin-American engineers, hailing from Puerto Rico, but now of our Uncle's Army stopping in on his way from the Panama jungles but he didn't say a word about seeing Beyrl Lewis who does send greetings from there; Captain Walter Wolff reporting from Ft. Leonard Wood with best wishes and hoping to get here between dawn and darkness some day so he can say a real hello; T/Sgt. Grover Couch, who used to be Mr. Knaust's helpmate, en furlo from a Texas camp and says he wouldn't have missed the show for a million; Major Jack McKenzie, former Legaler, calling at the old haunts; Marion Barry holding her own as the belle of Personnel despite the efforts of Iris Powell; The A&L boys all in a dither as to the identity of our beauty contest winner, Bobby Baily of the steno. unit; J. Radley reporting his motto is now "Frustra Laborat qui Omnibus Placere Studet" which translated literally means "you can't win"; D. Campbell with an unexpected visitor, big brother Lt. Walton Crouch from Camp Berkeley, Tex. and says it was just like manna from heaven; our blushing bride trekking west under the protecting (????) wings of two of Fin's best wolves (not Timber - just anywhere) Whoo! Whoo!

FLASH - We just learned that Mr. Stork presented a baby girl to Ruth M. Schulemeyer, formerly of the Budget Office.

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